

**DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL**3810 Rosin Court, Suite 150  
Sacramento, CA 95834**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****March 13, 2003****Contact: Carl DeWing****PR 03-07****(916) 263-7949****ABC SHUTS DOWN SACRAMENTO BAR**

**Sacramento – The California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) has shut down the Lamppost Tavern, 3218 Northgate Boulevard in Sacramento, for illegally purchasing and selling purported stolen property.**

**The action was taken after an undercover operation by ABC investigators in which the licensee and two bartenders purchased stolen cigarettes on nine separate times over a three-month period. During that time, an on-duty bartender sold marijuana to the same ABC investigators on two separate occasions.**

**ABC Acting Director Jerry R. Jolly said, “The illegal activities of the licensee and his employees cannot be tolerated. By revoking the liquor license, we are shutting down a location that is a breeding ground for crime through the purchase and sale of stolen property.”**

**The formal penalty is a 30-day liquor license suspension, and indefinitely thereafter until the license is transferred to another person at another location that is acceptable to ABC.**

**ABC is a department of the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency, which is under the direction of Secretary Maria Contreras-Sweet, a member of the Governor’s Cabinet.**